## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

JTH TAX LLC (d/b/a LIBERTY TAX SERVICE) and SIEMPRETAX+ LLC,

Case No. C20-329RSM

Plaintiffs,

MINUTE ORDER

v.

LORRAINE MCHUGH, RICHARD O'BRIEN, and KVC ENTERPRISES LLC,

Defendants.

The following MINUTE ORDER is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable Ricardo S. Martinez, Chief United States District Judge: On March 13, 2020, Plaintiffs in this matter filed a Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order ("TRO") against Defendants to enjoin certain behavior related to the operating of a tax preparation business. Dkt. #8. Plaintiffs indicate that they are serving a copy of this TRO on Defendants, although a certificate of service is not attached.

Under the circumstances here, the Court's Local Rules allow for the adverse party or parties to file a Response to a TRO. *See* LCR 65(b)(5). The adverse party must file a notice "indicating whether it plans to oppose the motion within twenty-four hours after service of the

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motion," and "file its response, if any, within forty-eight hours after the motion is served." *Id.*No reply is permitted from Plaintiff. *Id.* 

Plaintiffs do not explicitly request entry of the TRO without notice and instead attempt to inform Defendants of the above deadlines to respond to the Court. Dkt. #8 at 1. Accordingly, Defendants may file a response. Because the Court will not rule on this matter immediately and due to the Court's closure on Saturday and Sunday, the Court will waive the twenty-four hour notice requirement and allow Defendants to file a response, if any, no later than **Monday, March 16, 2020.** The Court DIRECTS Plaintiffs to immediately serve Defendants with a copy of this Minute Order.

DATED this 13th day of March, 2020.

WILLIAM McCOOL, Clerk

By: <u>/s/ Paula McNabb</u> Deputy Clerk